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Hq. 12th Army Group  
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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000  
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: As before to D7585 - thence JENRACH E0474 (to XXI Corps).

Boundary between XXI and XV Corps: As before to Y5959 thence to WALTERSDORF Z0525 - thence along autobahn to BUCHA Z4520 (all to XXI Corps).

Boundary change between 6th Army Group and 12th Army Group (effective 30 Apr): As before to FREISING Y9686 (to 12th Army Gp) - thence to EDLING Z2949 - PRIEN Z4427 (both to 6th Army Gp) - ST JOHANN E5391 - road to KIETZBUHEL E5082 - BRAMBERG E4863 - LIENZ X0505 (all to 12th Army Gp).

Boundary change between III and XX Corps: As before to NEU-OTTING Z6772 (to III Corps) - WAGUNG Z7338 (to III Corps) - RAD REICHENHALL Z8516 (To XX Corps) - ST. VETE A0873 (to III Corps) - HUTTSCHLAG A1656 (to XX Corps).

Boundary between XII and XX Corps is changed to make road between AMBERG C9802 and SCHWANDORF U1790 inclusive to XII Corps with running rights to XX Corps on request.

Boundary change between 21 Army Group and 12th Army Group (effective 031200B): BRUNEN A2749 (to 21 Army Gp) - thence to A3451 - north boundary KREIS RECKLINGHAUSEN - west boundary KREIS COESFELD to A5067 - A7275 - north boundary KREIS MUNSTER to A8679 - B0481 - north boundary KREIS WARENDORF - north boundary KREIS HALLE - west and north boundary KREIS HERTFORD - west boundary KREIS MINDEN to W6712 - MINDEN W8011 (all incl 12th Army Gp).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (021200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. (Army Troops). 1st French Division. Assigned to II French Corps.

DAA. An attack on the ILE d' OLERON was launched at 300530B April. At 011800B May all enemy resistance ceased and operations south of the CHARENTE River were completed.

I French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Advanced up to two miles to the southeast on an eight-mile front. Front line change: C6983 - C7786. 1st French Armored Division. (With 2d Choc Gp atchd). Advanced up to four miles to the southeast on a twelve-mile front. Captured WERTACH D0193, IMMENSTADT C8787 and SONTHEM C9282 against strong resistance. On the left flank, units gained up to four miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: C8287 - C8687 - C9182 and C9295 - D0193. 2d Moroccan Division. The 1st French Division began to relieve 2d Moroccan Division which commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of X5127. 9th Colonial Division. Assigned to II French Corps.

II French Corps. 1st French Division. Assigned to II French Corps and commenced the relief of the 2d Moroccan Division. 3d Algerian Division. (With 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). The 2d Group Moroccan Tabors was attached.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 100th Division. No change. 2d French Armored Division. Attached to Seventh Army and further attached to XXI Corps. Combat Command "D" commenced to close in an assembly area in the vicinity of Y0174.

VI Corps. 101st Airborne Division. The 502d Glider Infantry protected the

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corps right flank and reached the vicinity of D0193. The 327th Glider Infantry assembled in the vicinity of Y3617. 44th Division. Continued its advance south, captured GUTSCHAU D1061 and entered WASELGEHR D0860. A total advance of up to seven miles on a nineteen-mile front was made, the advance having been impeded by road blocks and terrain. Front line change: D0759 - D0860 - D1061 - D1557 - D1660 - D2066 - D3071 - D3265 - D3363 - D3666. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" commenced to assemble in the vicinity of LERMOOS D3871 and the remainder of the division in the vicinity of PARTENKIRCHEN D5382. 103d Division. Units gained up to four miles south on a one-mile front and occupied SCHARNITZ D6671. The 411th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of D5485. Front line change: D6476 - D6570 - D6770.

XXI Corps. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" crossed the bridge over the ISARWIK Canal in the vicinity of Y7731, moved east to the autobahn in the vicinity of Y9535 and advanced to the area Z2621 against little opposition; a gain of thirty-two miles. Combat Command "R" advanced east to the vicinity of Y7607 while Combat Command "A" moved northeast from the area Y6332. Front line change: Y7607 and Z2720 - Z2921. 4th Division. 12th Infantry followed behind the advance of Combat Command "R", 12th Armored Division. 36th Division. Completed the relief of the 63d Division. Units advanced up to seven miles east on a nine-mile front and reached PAD TOLZ Y8714. Front line change: Y8211 - Y8714 - Y8421 - Y8624. 63d Division. Relieved by the 36th Division and placed in army reserve.

XV Corps. 3d Division. 30th Infantry moved four miles south to the vicinity of ASCHBACH Z0432 and continued to advance against light resistance. The remainder of the division reached the vicinities of Y8247 and Y8742. Front line change: Y8247 and Z0532 - Z0237. 45th Division. Cleared MUNCHEN Y8556 of enemy opposition and garrisoned the city. 42d Division. Advance units reached the vicinity of Z0550. 20th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" advanced up to fifteen miles southeast on a sixteen-mile front. Front line change: Y9163 - Y9560 - Z0763. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinity of Z0763 and Z0363.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XVIII US Airborne Corps. 82d US Airborne Division. Gained up to fourteen miles east and reached LUDWIGSLUST T5031. Russian Forces were contacted in the vicinity of GRABOW T5527. 8th US Division. Advanced four miles east on an eleven-mile front. The town of SCHWERIN T4365 was occupied. Front line change: T4245 - T4153 - T4365. 7th US Armored Division. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of T2040 and Combat Command "R" concentrated in the area T1543.

VIII British Corps. 6th British Airborne Division. (With 1st Cdn Bde and 15th Bde atchd). Gained four miles east on a seven-mile front. A small Russian armored unit visited the division command post in WISMAR T4595. Front line change: T4983 - T5086 - MECKLENBURG T4689. 5th Division. (Less 15th Bde). Gained up to nine miles north in the direction of LUBECK S9590. The division captured an estimated 55,000 prisoners of war. Front line change: RATZEBURG T0071 - S9874. 11th Armored Division. Advanced ten miles north and entered LUBECK S9590 against little opposition. Front line change: S9590 - S7895 - BAD SEGEBURG S6896. 15th Division. Advanced up to three miles north. On the left flank, units were relieved by the 53d Division. Front line change: S7051.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division and 53d Division. HAMBURG S5156 surrendered and units moved north up to twenty-three miles. Front line change: S6158 - S6064 - S5670 - S3453.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced thirteen miles north on a ten-mile front and reached ESTORF R9754 and OLDENDORF S0056. Front line change: S0551 - S0655 - S0457 - S0056 - R9754. 51st Division. Made an advance of eight miles northwest on a twelve-mile front against light resistance. The 71st Brigade reverted to command of the 53d Division. Front line change: R9315 - R0146 - R8749 - R8243 - R8743 - R8829. 43d Division. Relieved units of the 51st Division in the vicinity of R8122. 52d Division. Gained up to three miles north. Units reached the area R8122 where they were relieved by the 52d Division. Front line change: R8122 - R7914.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Made a gain of four miles north on a five-mile front. Front line change: R3505 - R3405 - R3304. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Gained up to thirteen miles on an eight-mile front against no opposition. Front line change: R3009 - R2512 - R2109 - R1811. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced up to nine miles northeast on a three-mile front. Front line change: Q9124 - Q9430 - Q8983 - Q8225 - Q7826. 5th Canadian Armored Division. The southern portion of DELFZIJL Q4626 surrendered, but mopping up continued in the town.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

ATR. (2 May). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched bombers on food-dropping missions in northwestern Holland. 767.1 tons of food were dropped on assigned areas. Ninth Air Force: Fighter aircraft flew 144 sorties.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light showers. Clouds: Scattered low clouds, becoming broken to overcast after 1000B and dissipating to scattered after 2000B. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn, becoming more than 6 miles by 1000B, except in fog and showers where limited to 2 miles. Wind: 10 mph, southwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 50° F. Minimum 40° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance on the army front was light and scattered. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of REGENSBURG U1955. 4th Armored Division. Continued movement to the XII Corps zone. 16th Armored Division and 70th Division. No change.

III Corps. 86th Division. Advanced southeast on a ten-mile front and gained up to eight miles. Front line change: Z1466 - Z1764 - Z1963 - Z2162 - Z2361 - Z2757 and Z3452 - Z3160 - Z3382. 14th Armored Division. Advanced southeast up to fifteen miles on an eight-mile front and reached MUHLDORF Z5571. Front line change: Z4669 - Z5571 - Z5972. 99th Division. Mopped up behind the 14th Armored Division. 14th Cavalry Group. Covered the corps left flank in the area Z6173 - Z6674.

XX Corps. 80th Division. Mopped up behind the 13th Armored Division. The 318th Infantry Regiment cleared the enemy from RIMBACH Z6397. The 317th Infantry Regiment assembled in the vicinity of EINHOD U5112. Front line change: Z6373. 13th Armored Division. Advanced south on an eighteen-mile front, gained up to eight miles, crossed the INN River and captured NEU-OTTING Z6772, ALT Z6670 and BRAUNAU Z9375. Front line change: Z6670 - Z6772 - MARKTL Z7874 - Z8172 - Z9375. 71st Division. Mopped up behind the 13th Armored Division. Units advanced south-east up to twenty-five miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: V0278 - V1583 - V1486. 65th Division. Advanced east up to five miles on a fifteen-mile front. The 260th Infantry Regiment closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Q1101. Front line change: V1938 - SCHARDING Q2000 - PASSAU Q2113. 3d Cavalry Group. Covered the corps right flank south of the ISAR River.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced south up to four miles on a twenty-two mile front. Front line change: Q2213 - Q3514 - Q4709 - Q5203 - Q5606. 11th Armored Division. Crossed the MUHL River in the vicinity of NEUFELDEN Q6206 and advanced three miles to the vicinity of Q6502. Front line change: Q6502 - Q6305. 5th Division. Advanced east up to six miles on a fifteen-mile front. Front line change: Q5922 - Q5825 - Q5130 - Q5737 - Q5142. 90th Division. Advanced east on a fifteen-mile front and gained up to six miles. The 348th Infantry Regiment cleared the enemy from QUODOU P6903 and KLENIC P6705. The 358th Infantry Regiment was relieved by the 2d Division (V Corps) and assembled in the vicinity of U6683. Front line change: U8291 - U8097 - P7401 - P7304 - P6903 - P6705 - P6307. 2d Cavalry Group. Covered the area between the 5th Division and 90th Division.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division. No change. 9th Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the V Corps zone in the vicinity of P2620.

V Corps. 2d Division. Assumed the responsibility for a portion of the 90th Division (Third Army) sector in the vicinity of P6507 - P6903 and of the 97th Division sector in the vicinity of P5932 - P6512. 97th Division. Adjusted its

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positions against light resistance. Front line change: P6512 - P6417 and P6025 and P5932 - P6033 - P6134 - P6033 and P4439 and P3946 - P4152 - P3853 - P3854 - P4057 - P3960 - P3661. 1st Division. Adjusted its front line positions. Front line change: P3664 - P3269 - P3370.

VIII Corps. No change.

VII Corps. No change.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. 84th Division. Patrols contacted Russian troops of the 89th Russian Corps in the vicinity of ABBENDORF Y8186 at 021800B, in the vicinity of BALOW Y7790 at 021630B and in the vicinity of T5805 at 022130B.

XVI Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division (with 422d and 423d RCTs atchd) and 106th Division (less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change. 115th Cavalry Group. Attached to the Sixth Army Group on 30 April.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 022400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	73,539	296,926	35,038	10,108	415,611
Non-battle					321,920
Total Casualties					737,531

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: XXI Corps WEILHEIM Y5521; 3d Division Y8957; 4th Division WOLFRATSCHAUSEN Y7531; 42d Division Y9054; 45th Division MUNCHEN Y8645; 12th Armored Division Y5908; 101st Airborne Division KAUFBEUREN Y1624.

21 Army Group: XVIII US Airborne Corps HAGENOW T3043; VIII British Corps S8164; 8th US Division SCHWERIN T4365; 5th British Division S9159; 51st Division R9841; 52d Division R7701; 11th British Armored Division REINFELD S8187; 82d US Airborne Division LUDWIGSLUST T5031; 6th British Airborne Division WISMAR T4595.

12th Army Group: Third Army Tac REGENSBURG U1955; III Corps DORFEN Z2773; XX Corps ADLDOERF U7516; 2d Division OBERVIECHTACH P3906; 65th Division FURSTENZELL Q1106; 71st Division PFARR KIRCHEN Z8494; 80th Division FRONTENHAUSEN U5305; 11th Armored Division ROHRBACH Q6016; 13th Armored Division Z8281.

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